

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace the prior version of the claims provided with the preliminary amendment filed on November 16, 2005.

1. (Currently amended) A compound comprising a water soluble antiviral peptide including one of the sequences GPG and RQGY (SEQ ID NO: 6) and, bonded to the C-end of the peptide, a terminator which is either (a) an ω -amino-fatty acid having from 4 to 10 carbon atoms and from 0 to 2 carbon-carbon double bonds or (b) a peptidic cell membrane penetrating agent.

2. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 in which the peptide is a multiple branch peptide construction (MBPC), each branch of which contains the peptide sequence GPG and the core of which is formed from lysine residues, and the terminator is bonded to the root lysine residue.

3. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 2 in which each branch of the MBPC is a peptide GPGRAPH (SEQ ID NO: 4).

4 (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 in which the peptide is a ~~multiple branch peptide construction (MBPC)~~, each branch of which contains the peptide sequence RQGY (SEQ ID NO: 6) and the core of which is formed from lysine residues, and the terminator is bonded to the root lysine residue.

5. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 4 in which each branch of the MBPC is a peptide RQGYSP (SEQ ID NO: 7).

6. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 4 in which each branch of the MBPC is a peptide RQGYS (SEQ ID NO: 9).
7. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 3, in which the MBPC has two branches.
8. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 3, in which the MBPC has eight branches.
9. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 in which the peptide is GPG, GPGR (SEQ ID NO: 1), GPGRA (SEQ ID NO: 12), or GPGRAF (SEQ ID NO: 4).
10. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 in which the peptide is RQGYS (SEQ ID NO: 8) or RQGYSP (SEQ ID NO: 7).
11. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 in which the terminator is an ω -amino saturated fatty acid having from 4 to 8 carbon atoms.
12. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 in which the terminator is an ω -amino saturated fatty acid having from 4 to 6 carbon atoms.
13. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 in which the terminator is γ -aminobutyric acid, δ -aminovaleric acid or ϵ -aminocaproic acid.
14. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 in which the terminator is a TAT-derived peptide, penetratin® or Kpam.

15. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 5 in which the MBPC has two branches.

16. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 6 in which the MBPC has two branches

17. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 5 in which the MBPC has eight branches.

18. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 6 in which the MBPC has eight branches.